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1. US SPONSOR OF ALPHA HELIX EXPEDITION (PARA. 5 REFTEL) RECEIVED CABLE DATED JULY 5 FROM SOVIET LEADER ZEMSKY SAYING TWO SOVIET SCIENTISTS WOULD BE IN NYC JULY 15 WITH ONWARD TICKETS TO FAIRBANKS, ASSUMING SPACE PROBLEMS WOULD BE RESOLVED AFTER ARRIVAL. CEQ HAS CONSULTED WITH NOAA AND ELSNER, LEADER OF EXPEDITION, AND ELSNER SAYS IT STILL IMPOSSIBLE PUT TWO SOVIETS ON VESSEL FOR ENTIRE VOYAGE. AS STATED REFTEL, HE IS WILLING HAVE SOVIETS STAGGER THEIR ARRIVAL, ONE TAKING PART IN WHOLE VOYAGE, SECOND MAN IN SECOND HALF ONLY. HE IS ALSO WILLING HAVE BOTH MEN COME AHEAD AS SCHEDULED JULY 15, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT SECOND MAN WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN ON LAND (IN FAIRBANKS) DURING FIRST HALF OF EXPEDITION (I.E. UNTIL AUG. 12). DURING THIS PERIOD HE WOULD BE FREE TO USE LABS AND WORK ON HIS OWN, AS WELL AS PURSUE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, BUT DR. ELSNER WISHES IT UNDERSTOOD THAT SOVIET

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SCIENTIST COULD NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY SCIENTIFIC COLLEAGUES FOR

MUCH OF TIME; HOWEVER, ESCORT WOULD BE PROVIDED. AS FALLBACK, IF SOVIETS DEEM IT IMPORTANT FOR BOTH MEN TO STAY TOGETHER, BOTH COULD POSTPONE ARRIVAL UNTIL AUG. 5, WHEN ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM UNTIL VESSEL SAILS ON SECOND HALF OF EXPEDITION.

2. BECAUSE OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN PAST, WE HOPE EMBASSY CAN MAKE CLEAR TO SOVIET CONTACTS THAT ELSNER IS DOING HIS BEST TO ACCOMMODATE SOVIET WISHES IN A TIGHT SITUATION, AND WE ARE VERY HOPEFUL THAT THEY WILL GO THROUGH WITH PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN ALPHA HELIX. TO THAT END, ON ASSUMPTION BOTH MEN MAY COME JULY 15, WE HAVE (A) AUTHORIZED VISA ISSUANCE FOR BOTH (SEPTEL); (B) MADE RESERVATIONS ON PA801 TO LEAVE JFK 0945 JULY 16 ARR FAIRBANKS 1150 (WITH INTERIOR DEPT. REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET SOVIETS UPON ARRIVAL AT JFK JULY 15); (C) MADE OVERNIGHT RESERVATIONS AT AIRPORT HOTEL. IN ORDER FOR HOTEL AND AIR RESERVATIONS TO BE HELD OR CANCELLED, EMBASSY SHOULD BE SURE TO NOTIFY US OF SOVIET INTENTIONS BEFORE COB FRIDAY, JULY 13.

3. AT ITS DIRECTION EMBASSY MAY USE FOLLOWING TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM ELSNER AND MILLER TO ZEMSKY:

BEGIN TEXT:

RECEIVED YOUR CABLE OF JULY 5. AS STATED EARLIER MESSAGE VIA EMBASSY, CAN ACCOMMODATE ONLY ONE MAN ON SHIP FOR FIRST PHASE (JULY 21-AUG. 12) DUE SPACE RESTRICTIONS, BUT CAN ACCOMMODATE TWO DURING SECOND PHASE (AUG. 14-SEPT. 10). IF TWO MEN DO NOT WISH TRAVEL SEPARATELY, AS SUGGESTED EARLIER, THEY CAN BOTH ARRIVE JULY 15 AS YOU SAID, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT SECOND MAN COULD NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY SCIENTIFIC COLLEAGUES FOR MUCH OF FIRST PHASE ALTHOUGH ESCORT WOULD BE PROVIDED. AS THIRD ALTERNATIVE, BOTH COULD ARRIVE ON AUG. 5 AND PARTICIPATE TOGETHER IN SECOND PHASE. WE ARE PREPARED MEET BOTH SCIENTISTS IN NEW YORK JULY 15 AND HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS TO FAIRBANKS JULY 16. REGRET CONFUSION DUE CHANGES SHIP SCHEDULE, SINCERELY HOPE JOINT PROGRAM CAN BE UNDERTAKEN AS PLANNED. ELSNER/MILLER. END TEST. ROGERS

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